

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for processing ~~at least two documents~~ ~~the at least two documents~~ stored in ~~at least one~~ a database, and the ~~at least two documents~~ including a source document and ~~at least one~~ a target document, the system comprising:

a storage device for storing a plurality of words, each of the plurality of words stored as a result of being annotated in the source document;

a search device for identifying whether any of the words present in the storage device are present in the ~~at least one~~ target document; and

an annotation device for annotating said words located in the ~~at least one~~ target document in the same manner that they were annotated in the source document;

wherein ~~each of the at least two documents~~ the source document and the target document are pre-selected from the database as the source document and the ~~at least one~~ target document ~~from the at least one database~~ by a user of the system before the source document is annotated.

2. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, further comprising an input device for inputting words from the source document into the storage device, the input device comprising:

a detector for detecting one or more annotated regions in the source document;  
and

a device for entering one or more words from a detected annotated region of the source document into the storage device.

3. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 2, wherein the source document is a physical document and the input device further comprises a capture device for capturing a digital image of the source document.

4. (Original) A system according to claim 3, wherein the detector is operable to detect annotations in the captured image of the source document.

5. (Original) A system according to claim 4, wherein the detector is operable to detect a type of annotation.

6. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 5, wherein the type of annotation comprises at least one of highlighting, underlining, circling, crossing through, bracketing, bolding, italicizing, and coloring.

7. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein ~~at least one of the at least one~~the target documents-document is a physical document, the system further comprising a capture device for capturing a digital image of the ~~at least one~~ physical target document to be annotated.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) An at least one device implemented method of processing ~~at least two documents, the at least two documents~~ stored in ~~at least one a~~ database, and the ~~at least two documents~~ including a source document and ~~at least one a~~ target document, the method comprising:

storing a plurality of words of interest, each of the plurality of words of interest stored as a result of being annotated in the source document;

searching the ~~at least one~~ target document to identify whether any of said words of interest are present in the ~~at least one~~ target document; and

annotating said words located in the ~~at least one~~ target document in the same manner that they were annotated in the source document;

wherein ~~each of the at least two documents~~ the source document and the target document are pre-selected from the database as the source document and the ~~at least one~~ target document ~~from the at least one database~~ by a user of the at least one device before the source document is annotated.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, further comprising inputting words from the source document into the stored words of interest.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 10, further comprising detecting one or more annotated regions in the source document, and entering one or more words from a detected annotated region of the source document into the stored words of interest.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, wherein the source document is a physical document, the method further comprising optically capturing a digital image of the source document.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 11, wherein said detecting comprises detecting annotations in a captured image of the source document.

14. (Original) A method according claim to 13, wherein said detecting comprises detecting a type of annotation.

15. (Original) A method according to claim 14, wherein the type of annotation detected comprises one of highlighting, underlining, circling, crossing through, bracketing, bolding, italicizing, and coloring.

16. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein ~~at least one of~~ the ~~at least one~~ target documents is a physical document, the method further comprising optically capturing a digital image of the ~~at least one~~ physical target document to be annotated.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the method is implemented by a set of program instructions stored in a storage medium and executable on a data processing device.

19. (Currently Amended) An at least one device implemented method of processing at least two documents, comprising:

inputting a source document, the source document pre-selected as the source document by a user of the at least one device;

inputting a target document, the target document pre-selected as the target document by a user of the at least one device;

annotating, after the pre-selection of the source document and the target document, the source document to identify a plurality of words of interest;

storing the plurality of words of interest;

searching the target document to identify whether any of the plurality words of interest are present in the ~~at least one~~ target document; and

annotating the identified words of interest located in the ~~at least one~~ target document;

wherein a same annotation is used for a same word of interest in the source document and the target document.